

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electric stapler comprising:
  - a driver unit including a driver and driver lifting means;
  - a clincher opposed to the driver, wherein sheets of paper are pinched between the driver unit and the clincher, a staple is injected by driving the driver and the sheets are bound by the clincher's folding of leg portions of the staple;
  - two recess grooves formed at on the driver unit ~~two~~ contiguous portions of to a staple injecting port of the driver unit;
  - a press blade provided on a side of the clincher, wherein the press blade fits the recess grooves; and
  - a press blade lifting means,
  - wherein a fold line is formed by pressing the sheets between the press blade and the recess grooves by driving the press blade after binding the sheets.
2. (Previously Presented) The electric stapler according to claim 1, wherein the sheets are clamped by the press blade and the driver unit by driving the press blade before binding the sheets and the press blade is further driven after binding the sheets to form the fold line by pressing the sheets between the press blade and the recess grooves.
3. (Original) The electric stapler according to claim 1, further comprising switching means for switching ON and OFF an operation of the press blade lifting means.

4. (Currently Amended) An electric stapler comprising:

a driver unit including a driver and a staple injecting port;

a clincher opposed to the driver, wherein sheets of paper are pinched between the driver unit and the clincher, a staple is injected by the driver and the sheets are bound by the clincher's folding of leg portions of the staple;

two recess grooves formed on the driver unit ~~at two~~ contiguous ~~portions of~~ to the staple injecting port; and

a press blade provided on the clincher, wherein the press blade is liftable to fit with the recess grooves,

wherein a fold line is formed on the sheets by pressing the sheets between the press blade and the recess grooves by lifting the press blade.

5. (Previously Presented) The electric stapler according to claim 4, wherein the

press blade is lifted to pinch the sheets when the staple is injected, and

wherein the press blade is further lifted when the fold line is formed on the sheets.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for binding sheets of paper and forming a fold

line on the sheets comprising:

pinching sheets of paper between a driver unit and a clincher;

injecting a staple by a driver from a staple injecting port on the driver unit;

bending leg portions of the staple by the clincher;

lifting a press blade provided on the clincher to fit with two recess grooves  
formed on the driver unit ~~at two contiguous portions of~~ to the staple injecting port;  
forming a fold line on the sheets.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein, when the sheets of paper are pinched between the driver unit and the clincher, the sheets are clamped by the press blade and the driver unit.

8. (Previously Presented) The electric stapler according to claim 1, wherein the recess grooves integrally move with the staple injecting port.

9. (Previously Presented) The electric stapler according to claim 4, wherein the recess grooves integrally move with the staple injecting port.